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The title of this book suggests a study of a very important nature, and the introduction, styled "an appreciation," by the Minister of Agriculture, bears out the impression without even hinting at the hidden fact. However, the nature of the book is not long disguised. The purpose of the author is to prove that what Canada lacks is the single tax. A much better title would be: "A Plea for the Single Tax in Canada."

In the first chapter the author deplores the decrease of rural population in the older portions of the Dominion. He ventures the statement that "it has become profitable, indeed, almost necessary, for farmers to curtail production." Just what farmers have profited by curtailing production he does not say; neither how they are in the future to do so. The decrease in rural population he deplores since it means a failure to keep up rural institutions. There is some ground for this view and this lament, but probably it will develop that rural institutions can be reorganized and taken care of in some less expensive manner than by inducing farmers to stay in the country when it is more profitable for them to go elsewhere. We need farmers enough to balance other workers. Of course, it must be conceded that Mr. Good appreciates that fact. He believes that manufacturing interests in Canada have been overstimulated.

Approximate figures are submitted showing that manufacturers make a good income while agriculture is conducted at a loss. The figures are not convincing. The value of the farm as a home and the value of the products used by the farm family are treated as trifles. It has been found in this country that such income amounts to about \$500 per farm family. This sum multiplied by 714,000, the number of Canadian farmers, amounts to \$357,000,000. The balance of the farm account is thus changed from a deficit of \$110,000,000 to a credit of \$247,000,000, a sum not unlike the profit attributed to the manufacturers.

Mr. Good shows by the usual method, that in a country like Canada the tariff is paid in the main by the farmer class. In this he is correct. He also undertakes to show that urban rents are shifted to the farmer in the form of lower prices for produce. This version does not square very well with the proposition that farmers' prices are made in a world market. Neither does it coincide with the usual belief that rent is not likely to be shifted. Possibly by "urban rents," Mr. Good means largely the rent on buildings, but "tremendous urban rents" are likely to rest very heavily on the ground. Mr. Good would not have to revise his views much to agree

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The plan provides for a National Railway Company which shall purchase securities of existing interstate railroads by the issue of its own stock. This corporation is to be supervised by a board of directors of twenty-five persons, six of whom shall represent the government, the remaining nineteen being elected by the stockholders. Operations proper are to be conducted by separate subsidiary managements or subordinate regional railways, which shall provide a number of balanced railway systems in competition with each other. Each regional railway shall keep its own accounts, and bonuses are to be distributed to the employees and registered stockholders of such railways as show "the greatest zeal and interest as reflected in the profits." There shall be a secretary of transportation representing the small stockholders, the shippers, and the public generally, and the Interstate Commerce Commission is retained with many of its supervisory powers over rates, operating practices, and the like.

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